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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) Los Angeles – Seven Charged in Strike Force's Sting on Drug Traffickers Linked to Sinaloa Cartel**

(U) The first major narcotics trafficking indictment resulting from a years-long investigation by the Los Angeles Strike Force was unsealed yesterday as authorities arrested seven defendants charged with drug trafficking, money laundering and weapons offenses. The indictment, filed in Los Angeles federal court, charges 22 suspected members of a drug trafficking organization linked to the Sinaloa Cartel, whose former boss was Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman. The defendants allegedly were responsible for importing hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin from Mexico into the United States.

SOURCE: 8 June 2017, [Patch.com](http://Patch.com)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) New York – Two Men Charged With Plotting Terror Attacks**

(U) New York City – Two men from Michigan and New York City were tasked by a terrorist organization with looking for potential terrorism targets in New York and Panama, US authorities said yesterday as they announced the suspects' recent arrests. Samer El Debek, 37, of Dearborn, Michigan, and Ali Kourani, 32, of the Bronx, were charged in Manhattan federal court with providing support to a terrorist organization. El Debek was arrested 1 June in Livonia, Michigan; Kourani was arrested the same day in the Bronx. Both men were being held in New York City after court appearances. In a release, authorities said the men tried to provide support to Hezbollah's Islamic Jihad organization after receiving military training from the group. They said El Debek looked for potential targets in Panama, including US and Israeli embassies, and tried to learn how close someone could get to ships passing through the Panama Canal and whether there was weakness in its construction, while Kourani surveilled American targets, including military and law enforcement facilities in New York City.

SOURCE: 8 June 2017, [Associated Press](http://Associated Press)

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

##### **(U) Australia – Counter-Terrorism Police Conduct Raids After Fatal Siege**

(U) Melbourne – Australian counter-terrorism police conducted raids in the southern city of Melbourne today and questioned three men they said were suspected of providing weapons used in a deadly siege this week claimed by the Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS). The Australian Security and Intelligence Organization joined police in carrying out search warrants on five addresses linked to a 5 June attack in Australia's second-largest city. Police shot dead gunman Yacqub Khayre, who they said had a long criminal history after he killed a man in an apartment block in a beachside Melbourne suburb and held a woman hostage for several hours. A 32-year-old man was arrested after today's raids, however police later said they released the man without charge. A second man, 31, and his father were being questioned by counter-terrorism police, he said. The men were not suspected of militant activity but they may be involved in the provision of firearms in this matter.

SOURCE: 9 June 2017, [Reuters](http://Reuters)

**(U) Iraq – Woman Suicide Bomber Kills at Least 30 In Iraqi Market**

(U) Musayab – A woman suicide bomber killed at least 31 people and wounded 35 in a crowded market in the town of Musayab, 50 miles south of Baghdad, today. ISIS claimed the attack east of the Shi'ite holy city of Kerbala, as well as a suicide attack at a bus station in central Kerbala around the same time. It did not identify either bomber, in a statement on its Amaq news agency. Security sources said four people were wounded in the Kerbala bombing, and one security officer said the bomber was also a woman and had hidden the bomb under her full-body veil.

SOURCE: 9 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Mali – Three UN Peacekeepers Killed in Northern Mali Attack**

(U) Kidal – Militants killed three United Nations peacekeepers in an attack outside their base in Kidal in northern Mali, the UN said in a statement today. UN soldiers face frequent attacks from desert fighters who have regrouped since a French-led military operation in 2013 to drive them out of Mali's northern towns. More than 100 peacekeepers have died in recent months, making it the most deadly UN mission to date. The UN camp came under heavy mortar fire yesterday, injuring five. Shortly afterwards, three UN soldiers were killed in an attack just outside the camp, the UN said, giving no further details. The nationalities of the soldiers and the identity of the attackers were not yet known.

SOURCE: 9 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Mexico – Prison Riot Brought Under Control, Seven Dead**

(U) Ciudad Victoria – An hours-long rolling gun battle at a northern Mexico prison left seven dead and 13 injured before control was re-established on 7 June. Continuous automatic gunfire was heard at the prison in Ciudad Victoria, the capital of the border state of Tamaulipas. The gunfire continued into the morning at the prison, which has been one of Mexico's most troubled. Authorities reported the facility was back under control in the late morning of 7 June. The state security spokesman's office said three police officers and four inmates died in the shootouts, while six police and seven prisoners were wounded. Inmates at the state prison somehow managed to obtain guns and began fighting authorities. The prison has been the scene of shootings, smuggled guns, riots and escapes. Ciudad Victoria has long been dominated by the hyper-violent Zetas drug cartel.

SOURCE: 7 June 2017, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Mexico – 14 Bodies Found in Mass Grave Near Tourist Resort**

(U) Los Cabos – The bodies of 11 men and three women were found in a mass grave near the tourist resort of San Jose del Cabo on the southern tip of the Baja peninsula, where violence between rival drug gangs has surged. Authorities are running DNA tests from the bones in an attempt to identify the remains that were discovered. A forensic team was still looking for more remains yesterday. The murder rate has surged in Baja California Sur in the past three years due to a spike in violence in the municipality of Los Cabos, which includes the towns of Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo. The number of murders in the first four months of the year increased more than five times from the same period last year to 144, according to government data.

SOURCE: 8 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Saudi Arabia – ISIS Threatens Attacks in Saudi Arabia**

(U) Riyadh – ISIS threatened attacks in Saudi Arabia after the militant group claimed responsibility for assaults in Tehran that killed at least 17 people, Site Intelligence monitoring group reported today. Suicide bombers and gunmen attacked the Iranian parliament and Ayatollah Khomeini's mausoleum in Tehran on 7 June. Scores of people were also wounded. ISIS claimed responsibility and threatened more attacks against Iran's majority Shi'ite population, seen by the hardline Sunni militants as heretics. In a video that appeared to have been recorded before the attack on Tehran, five masked fighters were

shown threatening Shi'ites in Iran as well as the Saudi Arabian government saying their turn "will come".  
SOURCE: 9 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

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